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FCC PROPOSES \$125,000 FORFEITURE AGAINST PILOT TRAVEL CENTERS FOR APPARENT VIOLATION OF EQUIPMENT AUTHORIZATION RULES

Washington, D.C.: The Federal Communications Commission today issued a *Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture* (NAL) of \$125,000 against Pilot Travel Centers, L.L.C. ("Pilot") for apparently willfully and repeatedly offering for sale Citizens Band ("CB") radio transmitters without the required Commission equipment authorizations. In its NAL, the Commission reaffirmed that Amateur Radio Service transmitters that can be easily modified to operate on CB frequency bands are CB radio transmitters and therefore subject to Commission equipment authorization requirements.

In response to complaints that Pilot was selling non-authorized CB transmitters at its travel centers, the Commission initiated an investigation and issued nine Citations. The \$125,000 proposed forfeiture amount was based upon the company's sale of transmitters on thirteen occasions after issuance of these Citations.

Adopted by the Commission: November 22, 2004, Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture (FCC 04-272).

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